ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 126 4000 Arlington Boulevard Arlington Arlington County Virginia HABS NO. VA-1270-I

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 125

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Location:

Located in the southwest quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the northeast side of Fifth Street approximately 100 feet southeast of Sixth Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance:

Constructed in 1944 as quarters, Building 125 was built on the site of Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942) and is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description:

Building 125 is a mixture of various single and double height extensions and additions comprising a series of rectangular blocks. The largest block measures approximately 110 feet by 60 feet with approximately 200 square feet of floor area removed from the north corner. The southern blocks measure approximately 40 feet by 30 feet and 20 feet by 10 feet. The building is composed of concrete block, brick, asbestos sheathing, and clapboard exterior facing and has flat roofs of varying heights.

Window openings are predominantly rectangular with paired sixover-six double-hung wood sash and adjacent wood awning sash. Entries vary in style and material. The principal entry on the west facade is protected by an aluminum and canvas portecochere.

History:

Building 125 served as quarters in the late 1940s. Subsequently the building has been used as the Office's Club. The building underwent numerous additions and alterations including a two-story addition in 1957 and a 4,020 squarefoot addition in 1960. The original plan and appearance of the building are not known.

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